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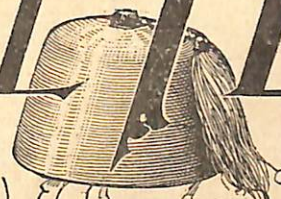

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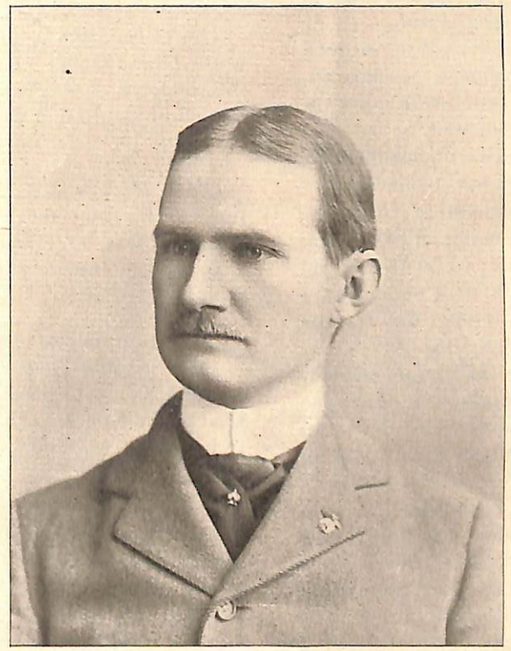

R. T. FORBES.

SURETY FOR ALL. FAITHFULNESS GUARANTEED.

CEDAR RAPIDS GETS ANOTHER INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE BANKERS' FIDELITY AND SURETY COMPANY ORGANIZED WITH A CAPITAL OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS—MOST OF THE PROJECTORS WELL KNOWN CITIZENS.

The Bankers' Fidelity and Surety Company, with its principal office and place of business at Cedar Rapids, has just been incorporated under the insurance laws of the state of Iowa, with a capital stock of $100,000. The incorporators of the new company are Dr. J. H. Smith, president of the Farmers' Insurance company; George W. Bever, vice-president of the City National Bank; Simon Casaday, cashier of the Des Moines Savings Bank, Des Moines; Hon. John T. Hamilton, president of the Cedar Rapids Savings Bank; Col. Chas. A. Clark, attorney-at-law, and R. T. Forbes, late president of the Stephens Lithographing and Engraving company of St. Louis.

The business of the company will be to insure the fidelity of persons holding places of private and public trust; to become the surety for individuals, firms, corporations or associations who may be required to furnish surety for imposed trusts; and to become surety on bonds in all civil suits or proceedings in the courts, or for any other purpose, but not upon any bond in criminal suit or proceedings.

The company will have a board of di-

rectors consisting of bankers and financiers well known over the entire state, and residing principally at Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Dubuque, Clinton, Davenport and Burlington. Among whom might be mentioned in addition to the incorporators, Mr. Artemus Lamb, president Peoples Trust and Savings Bank, Clinton, Iowa; Mr. Robert Williams, vice-president and general manager, B., C. R. & N. Ry.; E. E. Pinney, wholesale coal merchant, Cedar Rapids.

The company will be organized by electing officers, and ready for business in about two weeks, and the incorporators need no introduction to the Iowa public, as they are well known to all, except, perhaps Mr. Forbes, who has only been with us for the past year. Mr. Forbes comes to us from St. Louis, bearing excellent testimonials and letters from prominent business men and banks, among whom were noted the National Bank of Commerce of St. Louis; the First National Bank of Las Vegas, N. M.; the National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City, Mo.; and the Rt. Rev. Daniel Sylvester Tuttle, Bishop of Mo. Mr. Forbes is the originator of the movement, and came to Iowa purposely to organize the company and be associated with it, and has devoted energetically a great deal of his time for the past year placing the matter before the bankers of the state, and becoming acquainted. He was for twelve years connected with banking institutions in the south and west, and for the past six years has been engaged in the lithographing business in St. Louis, being at the head of the Stephens Lithographing and Engraving company, a concern well known to the people here.

Mr. Forbes is a member of the society of the Sons of the Revolution, being a great great grandson of General William Davidson, who was killed at Cowan's Ford, February 1st, *1780*. Mr. Forbes is also a member of all the Masonic Orders, his masonic career beginning when he was just eligible on account of age, being elected and received the degrees in Prudence Lodge, No. 100, A. F. & A. M., Columbus, Kansas in 1888, receiving the Chapter degrees in Las Vegas Chapter, No. 3, Las Vegas, N. M. in 1890, the Commandery degrees in Las Vegas Commandery No. 2, the Shrine degrees in El-Kahir Temple at the LeMars Pilgrimage in 1896, and the Consistory degrees 4° to 32° inclusive in DeMolay Consistory No. 1, Lyons, Iowa, at the January meeting of the present year, and now enjoys good fellowship in the Iowa bodies, located at Cedar Rapids and Lyons, Iowa.

THE LODGES.

From the Grand Secretary comes an "Occasional Bulletin" of the Masonic Library which is replete with good things.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, will canvene in Oskaloosa, Iowa, June 1, 2 and 3. The School of instruction will meet May 28, 29 and 31.

P. G. M. Bro. Z. C. Luse, calls attention to the fact that Brother Theodore Schreiner was appointed Grand Tyler in 1859 instead of 1857 as we gave it last month.

An appropriate Memorial announcement of the venerable Theodore Schreiner is sent out by the Grand Secretary, and ordered read to the lodges. The Jewels, etc., are to be draped for 30 days.

A TROJAN'S FORTUNE.

Among the appointments of Iowans to government positions, Brother J. W. Patterson received a deserved recognition as Revenue Collector for one of the districts and his lodge ordered congratulations sent to him.

On February 18, Square Lodge No. 286, and Acacia Chapter No. 140 tendered a joint reception and banquet to the members of Tadmore Lodge and Rob. Morris chapter U. D., of Greely.

The guests arrived early and the first hour was spent in handshaking, visiting and getting acquainted. At 8 o'clock some of the sisters of Acacia Chapter presented the laughable farce, Female Masonry, after which the company repaired to the dining room, where an elegant banquet was in waiting for them.

Covers were laid for 60 and the five tables decorated in blue, yellow, white, green and red, presented a very pretty appearance. They were presided over by the points of the star.

After supper the guests returned to the lodge room and listened to toasts, recitasions, etc. The following by J. M. Jenkins, of Greely caused much merriment:

THE NEW WOMAN.

It happened on a Friday night,
The Eastern Star was shining bright,
And mercury was far below
The little circle called zero,
That Alice to the Lodge did hie,
And kissing Lod a brief goodbye
She said, "There's work to do you'll find—
You know the hogs were killed today,
The meat's to cut and salt away,
And there's the sausage too to grind.
First get the children off to bed
And when each little prayer is said,
Roll up your sleeves and mix the bread.
My apron hangs behind the door,
If strings are short attach some more
And then the supper dishes do
Just as I would if I were you,
And keep the fire burning bright—
For you I always had a light—
Expect me home some time to-night."
She turned and said again, "Goodbye"
And Lod saw mischief in her eye.
"Ah, well," he said, "It serves me right,
I left her here night after night
Alone with all the work to do
When there was quite enough for two.
I will not murmur nor repine
But pray the Stars may ever shine
To light our journey night and day
To that Grand Lodge that's far away."

—J. M. Jenkins.

GRAND CUSTODIAN'S LETTER.

We aim to keep standing the regular appointments of the Grand Custodian, Brother Geo. B. Van Saun, and we shall have his corrections each month.

Cedar Falls, Ia., May 4, 1897.

Dear Brother Geiger:

When I wrote my letter for April I then thought it would be my last for the Masonic year, now about closing, but after corresponding with several lodges whose calls I could not fill as promptly as I desired, and finding that they still wanted me to fill engagements made, I deemed it best to write again giving my last route and final letter.

I leave this afternoon for

Irwin—May 5th and 6th.
Dunlap—May 7th and 8th.
Manning—May 10th and 11th.
Fontanelle—May 12th and 13th.

I will then return home to Cedar Falls to recuperate somewhat for the duties which await me at Oskaloosa as Custodian on the 28th, 29th and 31st inst. at the Grand Lodge School. This year, now closing, has been more than an average one, so far as interest has manifested itself among the Craft. Quite generally a younger element has come forward among the officers of the lodges, and this seems to have aroused new life among the membership. So let it come—even more abundantly.

Yours Fraternally,
Geo. B. VanSaun,
Visiting Custodian.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

As in the case of the other Grand Bodies the funeral notice of Grand Tyler Companion Theodore Schreiner was announced.

GRAND CHAPTER PLANS.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

July 20th and 21st, 1897.

Tuesday, July 20, 9:30 a. m.—M. M. M.
W. H. Hart, R. W. M.
G. R. Turner, S. D.
A. S. Lawrence, M. O.
2:00 p. m.—P. M.
A. S. Lawrence, R. W. M.
W. H. Hart, S. D.
G. R. Turner, Mar.
3:00 p.m.—M. E. M.
G. R. Turner, R. W. M.
A. S. Lawrence, S. D.
W. H. Hart, Mar.
7:30 p. m.—R. A.
A. S. Lawrence, H. P.
G. R. Turner, C. H.
W. H. Hart, P. S.
Wednesday, July 21, 9:30 a. m.—R. M.
G. R. Turner, T. I. M.
A. S. Lawrence, P. C.
W. H. Hart, C.
2:00 p. m.—S. M.
W. H. Hart, T. I. M.
A. S. Lawrence, C. G.
G. R. Turner, C.
7:30 p. m.—General Review of Work.

The above is the official program as prepared by the Custodians, and handed to us by the Grand High Priest.

THE COMMANDERIES.

From R. E. Sir W. F. Cleaveland we received the neat souvenir of the tenth anniversary of Mt. Zion Commandery 49, of Harlan, Iowa, held Nov. 25, 1896. We were Knighted by Sir W. F. in this Commandery.

It was our privilege to share the Vigil of Easter even with Antioch Commandery No. 42, of Mason City, and to join them in their services on Easter Sunday. A fine banquet followed the work on Saturday night.

From Sir John W. Wells we received a copy of a "Knights Templar Song," words and music of his composition. A musical

friend tells us it is a work of merit—and we take it that St. Aldemar Commandery was well treated on Easter Sunday—when the work of their Emminent Commander thus praised him.

The Grand Commander's General Order No. 1, announcing the death of Sir A. B. Cox, has been circulated. Also General Order No. 2, same, on the death of Sir Theodore Schreiner.

THE EASTERN STAR.

We acknowledge the courtesy of invitations to attend the meetings of the Grand Chapters of Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wisconsin. To all of which we should have enjoyed going did time and health permit.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

El-Kahir is grooming her camels, her official divan is being exercised for 7:30 a. m. May 19th will witness our departure for Dubuque where a large class will be initiated.

Route—The Illinois Central.

Fare—One and one-third by round trip ticket.

Hotel—Julien.

Work—Germania Hall.

Time—Ripe for the spring flood of good things. Go.

A plan is on foot to have a meeting of Recorders at the Imperial Council in Detroit. Good thing, if there will be in it. Recorder W. M. Bailey, 25 Miami Ave., Detroit, Mich., wants to hear from all concerned.

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine can take advantage of our low rate offer as well as anybody else. Say, ship in a HALF DOLLAR boys.

Reduced fares to Detroit Tickets on sale June 7 and 8, good to return leaving Detroit to June 12. See local ticket agents for rates. Ed. Hughes and Jakey Halderman announce ONE FARE for GRAND TRUNK and WABASH travelers. Look them up.

THE GRAND TRUNK IN IT.

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine going to Detroit—Remember Noble Ed. Hughes of Chicago is never asleep when the Shriners travel across his desert. The Grand Trunk will sell you a ticket Chicago to Detroit and return for $7.25. If 200 or more go over their line it will be $5.45. Write Noble E. H. Hughes, A. G. P. & T. A. and he'll do the rest. The B. C. R. & N. and C. R. I. & P., as well as the Illinois Central and the Milwaukee system have given reduced rates. All aboard for Detroit!

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GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa. Oskaloosa, June 2, 1897.

GEO. W. BALL.....Iowa City.....GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretary

Nebraska, Lincoln, June 16, 1897.

HENRY H. WILSON....Lincoln.....GRAND MASTER
Wm. R. Bowen.....Omaha.....Grand Secretary

South Dakota, Mitchell, June 8, 1897.

JAMES LEWIS.....Canton.....GRAND MASTER
Geo. A. Pettigrew.....Flandreau.....Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.

General Grand (U. S.) Baltimore, Md., Oct. 12, 1897.
Iowa, Spirit Lake, July 22, 1897.

MAX. BEEHLER....Manchester..GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

Nebraska, Omaha, Dec. 17, 1897.

.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
George J. Spohn.....Grand Secretary

South Dakota, Mitchell, June 10, 1897.

GEO. V. AYERS.....Deadwood GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Geo. A. Pettigrew.....Flandreau.....Grand Secretary

CONCLAVES K. T.

Grand Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 1898.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 12, 1897.

T. R. ERCANBRACK...Anamosa..GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

Nebraska, Lincoln, April 29, 1897.

.....GRAND COMMANDER
Wm. R. Bowen.....Omaha.....Grand Recorder

South Dakota, Mitchell, June 11, 1897.

J. J. CASSELMAN.....Huron...GRAND COMMANDER
Geo. A. Pettigrew.....Flandreau.....Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.

General Grand (U. S.) 1898.
Iowa, Cherokee, Oct. 27, 1897.

MRS. DELIA B. MEREDITH..Newton..GRAND MATRON
John Westley Geiger.....Marion.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

Nebraska, Omaha, June 22, 1897.

MRS. HELEN H. STIRES..Columbus..GRAND MATRON
Rev. A. G. Pinkham....Grand Island.....Grand Patron
Dr. Eleanor Dailey.....Omaha.....Grand Secretary

South Dakota, Sioux Falls, May 25, 1897.

MRS. W. H. RODDLE..Brookings.....GRAND MATRON
M. G. Carlisle.....De Smet.....Grand Patrrn
Mrs A. M. McCallister..Madison.....Grand Secretay

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

Imperial Council, Detroit, Mich., June 8-9, 1897.
El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

AUSTIN D. BROWN....Manchester.....POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger.....Marion.....Recorder

Kaaba Temple, Davenport, Iowa.

GEO. F. WHITE.....Davenport.....POTENTATE
C. J. Brown.....Davenport.....Recorder

Tangier Temple, Omaha, Nebraska.

H. HARDY.....Omaha.....POTENTATE
Louis E. Wettling.....Box 523, Omaha.....Recorder

Sesostris Temple, Lincoln, Nebraska.

DeF. E GREEN.....Lincoln.....POTENTATE
Jno. A. Ames.....(Box 1440) Lincoln.....Recorder

El Riad Temple, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A. B. KITTEREDGE..Sioux Falls.....POTENTATE
Eugene Saenger.....Sioux Falls.....Recorder

GENERAL MASONIC.

THE KING.

We want nothing but kings of toil.
No crowns but crowns of deeds.
No royal birth but sterling worth,
Must mark the man who leads.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

SMALL SERVICES.

Small service is true service while it lasts;
Of friends, however humble, scorn not one;
The daisy, by the shadow that it casts
Protects the ling'ring dewdrops from the sun.
—W. Wordsworth.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox says:

So many gods, so many creeds,
So many paths that wind and wind;
While just the art of being kind
Is all this sad world needs.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

Brother Richard Lambert, the venerable Grand Secretary of Louisiana, sends us all the official proceedings of the Grand Bodies of his state. There is every indication of prosperity.

"Lincoln entering Richmond" Th. Nast's latest and greatest historical painting, also Nast's thrilling picture "Defending the Flag," appear in the May Midland Monthly (Des Moines), engraved from copies supplied by the artist himself.

"The Dalles of the St. Croix," are beautifully pictured in this number.

Charles A. Gray, the Chicago artist, well illustrates "The Building of a Violin."

Mary Avis Scott's "Across Country in a Van," invades Texas and captures the State capital.

"The Club Movement in Kansas," by Lilian Walker Hale, with numerous portraits, inspires profound respect for the better halves of our Kansas neighbors.

"Inland Pirates," by Frank Calkins, is a true story literally full of fire. The fiction of the number includes a prize story, "Lieutenant Burton's Wooing," by Captain Romanes of the regular army; "A Most Remarkable Case," a detective story, by Claire St. Claire, a Chicago writer; "The Book Collector," an artistic character sketch by a new writer of promise, Mabel Bradley Fuller.

The literary paper of the number is "The Humor of Whittier," by J. L. Pickard, LL. D., with an autograph sonnet by Whittier.

Colonel Emerson's "Grant's Life in the West," closes Grant's career in Mexico.

The Midland's editorial departments abound in interesting reading.

A DANGER LINE.

Those who have a desire to see the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine prosper and grow forever, must look with some concern upon the tendency to temporality or rather temporariality that we meet with at every turn. Much of this grows out of the demand for novelty and entertainment in the open sections, where the social features are *emphasized*. We believe the dominence of the one will ultimately destroy the other, so that we need to hold up the fraternal ties that are certainly not loosely looped about the hearts of the Nobility. We do not want a "death's head at the feast," oh, no! and we won't saddle ourselves with the other fellows' conscience, though we be called a winebibber with him; but we do mean that the impressive and lasting qualities of the Order should not be sacrificed to the effort to spring some new thing on each succesive gathering of the temples. Ahem!

From the "Valley of Clinton" comes the beautiful "Ballustre" of the next re-union of the Scottish Rite bodies of DeMolay Consistory No. 1. Illustrious Recorder Wadleigh deserves praise and has our thanks for the skillful get up. L. P. Allen did the work as printer.

HEART.

Notwithstanding that all the modern American Masonic Manuals and Masters' carpets from the time of Jeremy L. Cross, exhibit the picture of a heart among the emblems of the third degree. There is no such symbol in the ritual. But the theory that every man who becomes a Mason must first be prepared in his heart, was advanced among the earliest lectures of the last century, and demonstrates, as Krause properly remarks in speculative Masonry, an internal principle which addresses itself, not simply to the outward conduct, but to the inner spirit and conscience of all men who seek its instructions.—*Masonic Cyclopedia.*

A GOOD MOVEMENT, BUT—

The Trestle Board has a suggestion to make to jurisdictions other than California, that if they desire to aid that jurisdiction in establishing a Masonic Home for their membership when they become stranded in California, that they obtain the figures of their indebtedness to the Board of Relief of San Francisco alone, and contribute 50 per cent. without interest; and if all do so, the completion of the Home will be assured and their membership be certain of continued relief without any guarantee of reimbursement.

All good and right, Brother *Trestle Board*, but you wait till we hear the "me too" that will roll from Tombstone, Arizona, to Tampa, Florida, about the Homes and Sanitariums for sick and indigent Masons. Alas, the only adequate relief some of us will ever get will be when we "fall asleep in death." A mere fragment of the crumbs that fall from rich Masons' tables would do it. Drop the University and build the "Homes."

MASONIC NOTES.

TESTIMONY OF SIR WM. FOLLETT.

The following extract from "Stray Leaves from a Freemason's Note Book," furnishes a valuable tribute to our institution from Sir William Follett, late Attorney General of England, and one of the profoundest lawyers of the age. It is in noble contrast with the illiberal and prejudiced opinion of William Wirt, another eminent lawyer, and once the Attorney General of the United States. "In the course of conversation with Sir William Follett, I inferred, from a passing remark, that he had become a Mason. I asked if my conclusion was correct. 'I was initiated at Cambridge.' Light had not beamed upon myself, and I expressed in scoffing terms my astonishment. 'In your early struggles at the bar,' remarked he, with quiet earnestness, 'you require something to reconcile you to your kind. You see so much bitterness, and rivalry and jealousy, and hatred, that you are thankful to call into active agency a system which creates, in all its varieties, kindly, cordial and widespread benevolence, and brotherly love.' 'But surely,' said I, 'you don't go to the length of asserting that Masonry does all this?' 'And more! A true Mason thinks no evil of his brother, and cherishes no designs against him. The system annihilates parties. And as to censoriousness and calumny, most salutary and stringent is the curb which Masonic principle, duly carried out, applies to an unbridled tongue.' 'Well, well, you cannot connect it with religion, you cannot say, or affirm of it, that Masonry is a religious system?' 'By-and-by you will know better,' was his reply. 'I will say that the Bible is never closed in a Mason's lodge, that Masons habitually use prayer in the lodges and in point of fact never assemble for any purpose, without performing acts of religion. 'I give you credit,' continued he with a smile, 'for being more thoroughly emancipated from nursury trammels and slavish prejudices. Meanwhile,' said he, 'is it not worth while to belong to a fraternity whose principles, if universal, would put down at once and forever the selfish and rancorous feelings which now divide and distract society.' "—*The Mystic Tie.*

There are some junior wardens who claim that the right to confer the E. A. degree belongs to them, and there are some senior wardens who are of the opinion that the right to confer the F. C. degree is invested in them. In this they are mistaken, for the right is invested alone in the worshipful master; and it is by his permission and courtesy that they are permitted to do any work, except that which properly belongs to the station to which they have been elected.—*Keystone.*

"The Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of North Carolina declines to acknowledge, by adoption or otherwise, the Order of the Eastern Star." So does the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, notwithstanding they have a chapter in the annex to Nashville, Edgefield.—*Appeal.*

CORNING LETTER.

FROM BROTHER A. J. SALTS.

This is the date of Emblems Chapter's stated meeting, and I am therefore reminded that possibly, a brief write up from this field might find a place in the columns of THE FREEMASON. From a Masonic standpoint, Corning is a Masonic town, and claims trinity distinction not enjoyed by a city of its class in the famous "Blue Grass Belt" of Iowa, namely, a Royal Arch Chapter, a Blue Lodge and an Eastern Star Chapter. The membership of each, composed of many of the best people, and more of the same class knocking at the "outer door" for admission. The bodies are working harmoniously for the upbuilding of Masonry. The social features are being kept up as the following items show. Lately a "team" was exalted in the Royal Arch. Visitors were present from Creston, Lenox, Prescott, Villisca and other places. Work began at 5 p. m. At the close of the work a banquet was served in K. P. hall, with the ladies present. A most enjoyable time was had. The officers of Emblem Chapter, O. E. S. were installed on another occasion. The retiring Worthy Matron, Mrs. Peregrine, was presented with a solid gold Past Matron's Jewel as a token of the respect of her associates. We of the southwest feel a degree of pride in the official roster of our Grand Chapter, residents of our vicinity, namely: Grand Secretary, Sister Marie Jackson, Council Bluffs; Grand Treasurer, Sister Ella L. Houghton, Red Oak; Grand Ruth, Sister Mary F. Jackson, Villisca; Grand Warden, Sister Harriet Patt, Emerson; Grand Electa, Sister Lou E. Martin, Greenfield; Grand Adah, Sister Dora L. Gilmore, Stuart, and Brother G. H. Jackson, Chairman on Mileage. A remarkable good showing for the southwest, and yet, as I view it, nothing more than we deserve. Moreover, we are going up to Cherokee next October from the 4th district, more than one hundred strong, in two Burlington special cars handsomely decorated with representations from five U. D's. Brother Geiger, come down and make "the ascension" to Grand Chapter with us. THE FREEMASON comes regularly and has many interested readers in this land of milk and honey and happy people.

NEW CHAPTERS.

The following is the complete list of New Chapters as instituted up to Feb. 23, 1897. The town of location is given.

New Virginia; Denison; Greely; Delmar; Hillsboro; Wellman; Elma; Lewis; Storm Lake; Clarinda. Applications are in for Alden and Trieso, but no organization was completed at the date of this writing.

Wearing a modest bit of Masonic jewelry is right and proper. It is very often the means of forming pleasant or lasting friendships. To meet the man who wears all he can pile on, and trapped out with as many jewels and badges as he has degrees, is very wearying and suggests nothing so much as the Sioux medicine man at a dog-bake.—"*Kansas Freemason.*"

The Grand Commandery of Iowa is likely to be one of the most largely attended Conclaves this year that we have yet had. Get your rooms Sir Khights and Companions.

We were pained to notice the announcement of the death of Grand Secretary A. M. Wolilim of Georgia on February 22. He has been Grand Secretary of Georgia for many years, and was greatly beloved.

In a New Dress

FOR '97

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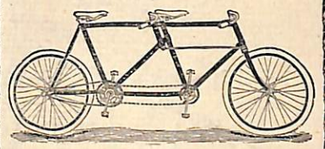

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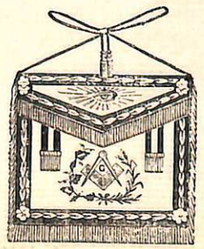

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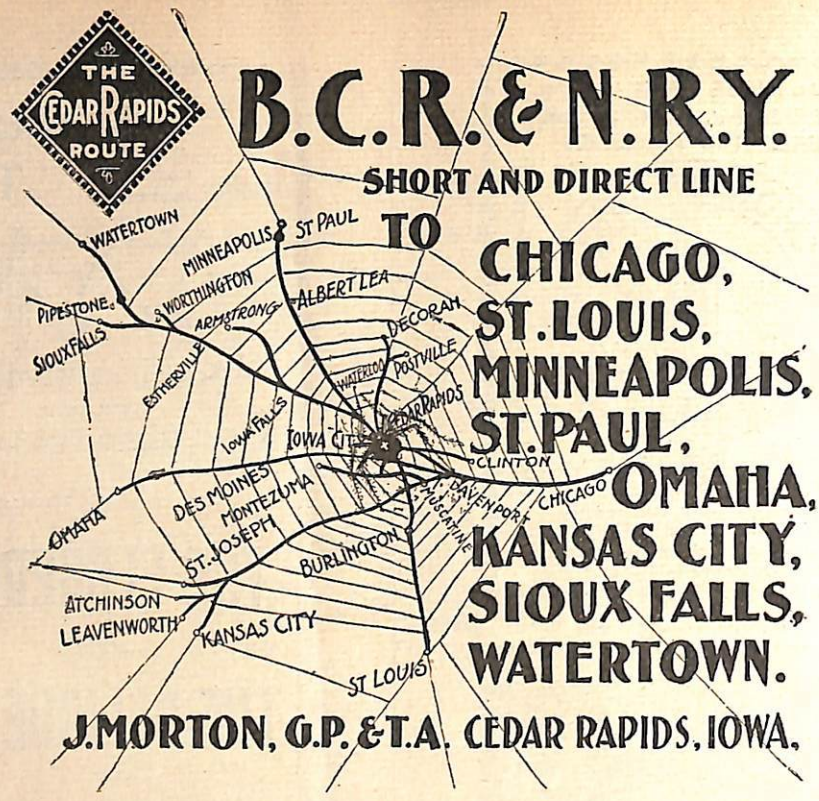

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